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SUBJECT: IMCO: THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION OF MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE

1. IMCO MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE COMPLETED ITS THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION ON 1 OCT. ALL US OBJECTIVES WERE ATTAINED. OBSERVERS IN ATTENDANCE WERE BRAZIL, CHILE, DENMARK, FINLAND, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, HUNGARY, INDIA, IRAN, NETHERLANDS, PERU, PORTUGAL, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA AND SWEDEN.

2. UNDER THE ITEM ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING AND WATCH-KEEPING SOME MEMBERS EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE CONVENTION SHOULD NOT APPLY TO SEAFARERS SERVING ON BOARD SEAGOING SHIPS OPERATING IN TERRITORIAL WATERS. THE SUB-COMMITTEE IS INVITED TO TAKE THIS INTO ACCOUNT.

3. JUNIOR RATINGS FORMING PART OF A NAVIGATIONAL WATCH HAS BEEN CHANGED TO QUOTE MANDATORY BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR RATINGS FORMIRG PART OF A NAVIGATIONAL WATCH END QUOTE. BEGIN FYI TO SOME THIS OBVIATES THE MANNING CONNOTATION OF THE PREVIOUS TITLE END FYI.
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4. ANNEXES I AND IV OF AGENDA ITEM 17 WERE ADOPTED WITH EDITORIAL MODIFICATIONS. IF THE ASSEMBLY AGREES. THE MSC WILL OFFICIALLY ADOPT TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES FOR THE ORGANIZATION BEGINNING IN 1978.

5. ON TONNAGE QUESTION. THE COMMITTEE PREPARED A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE TREATMENT OF SEGREGATED BALLAST TANKERS WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE NOTATION OF TONNAGE DEDICATED TO SEGREGATED BALLAST ON THE TONNAGE CERTIFICATE. THE COMMITTEE ALSO PREPARED A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON AN INTERIM PROCEDURE WHICH PROVIDES FOR DUAL MEASUREMENT OF NEW VESSELS AT OWRERS REQUEST. AFTER COMING INTO FORCE OF THE 1969 TONNAGE CONVENTION. BOTH RESOLUTIONS, WHICH ARE IN CONSONANCE WITH U.S. OBJECTIVES, ARE TO BE REVIEWED AND A FINAL DECISION TAKEN AT THE NEXT MSC SESSION.

6. THE CHAIRMAN'S MEETING HELD AT MID-SESSION. ATTENDED BY MESSRS. MIDDLETON AND LAKEY. PRODUCED VERY SWEEPING REFORMS AND EFFICIENCIES IN THE WORK METHODS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEES. A COMPOSITE DOCUMENT LISTING ALL SUCH REFORMS WILL BE PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT AS GUIDANCE FOR SUB-COMMITTEES IN THEIR FUTURE WORK.

7. IN AR UNPRECEDENTED MOVE THE COMMITTEE DECIDED NOT TO ENDORSE ANY OF THE THREE NGO APPLICARTS FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS.

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